

I oppose the NAB's petition 04-160. I am already the victim of a similar problem. As a satellite television subscriber who resides in Anne Arundel County, Maryland, I have been "assigned" Baltimore as local television stations, despite the fact that (1) I work in Washington, DC and am much more interested in DC news and (2) the cable alternative (Comcast) is able to offer DC stations. The satellite radio problem would be similar. I am certainly capable of choosing between XM's traffic/weather and the local radio stations version. I don't see how XM is any more competition than another local station. Further, when I am traveling through a city away from home (where any advertising associated with a local report would be irrelevant to me), it is useful to have a station I can turn to for traffic and weather. Finally (though less importantly), as someone who works with others in many US cities, it is sometimes useful to hear about major traffic or weather problems that delay teleconferences, etc. I see nothing to be gained by the NAB's proposal and respectfully request that it be rejected. Thank you.